

GPA School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2014 Public Session from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Gateway Preparatory Academy
201 E. Thoroughbred Way, Enoch, UT

Agenda Item	
Call to order / Roll	Jill Johnson motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Present: Jill Johnson, Helen Johnson, Jared Larmore, Amy Rice Absent: Toni Petersen, Jeff Gardner
Staff / Public Present	Andy Burt, Jonada Munk, Lincoln Fillmore, Chris Roelandt
Public Present / Comment	None
Set Agenda	Helen Johnson motions to approve agenda. Seconded by Amy Rice.
Review / Approve Sept 2014 meeting minutes	Motion by Jared Larmore to approve September 2014 minutes as written. Seconded by Helen Johnson.
Director's Report	<p>Andy Burt outlines the upcoming Fall Carnival Fundraiser hoping to raise money for field trips and other activities. Safety precautions will be taken for the haunted bus event, implementing a no "touching policy". GPA has hired a new PR Director, Janelle Dowell. Andy plans to collaborate with her to establish a new PR strategy by having a stronger presence using social media. Sage interim testing has been added and will be given in January 2015. Utah Compose is the new state funded writing support program designed to align with the Sage scoring criteria. The common core standards this year are much more rigorous, emphasizing college readiness. A drop in % proficiency should be expected statewide. Growth is now factored into the test scores results, creating a baseline that helps to measure a child's progress rather than just achievement.</p> <p>Andy discusses the implications of chartering with the ICSD and what that type of relationship could potentially mean. He will investigate the pros and cons.</p> <p>Andy felt confident that GPA's relationship with MTH is in good standing because the Montessori model, philosophically, fits with online distance programming.</p> <p>Land Trust: Andy will send the board a link to a YouTube video "Compliance for land trust"</p>
Financial Report	Ada presented the August Financial Report summary. Workers compensation Insurance costs increased \$3000 to \$4000 because of injuries and accidents this last year. Unemployment costs decreased, which will help mitigate the extra insurance costs. Filling the assistant principal position will be included in the next planned budget scheduled for January 2015, as well as the \$108,000 after school program grant.
Policy Review / Approval:	
Distance Education	<p>Jared asked for clarification on personal computers issued to off site students. Andy stated that we provide all technology for all on-site and off-site kids to complete their work. Motion by Helen Johnson to approve Distance Education Policy as written. Seconded by Amy Rice.</p> <p>Vote: Jared-no, Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-yes</p>
Attendance	<p>Motion by Jared to approve attendance policy as written. Seconded by Helen.</p> <p>Vote: Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-no, Jared-yes</p> <p>Helen Johnson makes a motion to reconsider her vote. Motion accepted. Helen makes a motion to amend the policy by inserting the word "unexcused" between the number 10 and the word consecutive reading: "10 unexcused consecutive", in the last bullet point on the last page in both instances. Seconded by Amy Rice.</p> <p>Vote: Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-yes, Jared-no</p>

Action Items:	
Approve SPD Wrap-up document and Sec. 125 Plan	<p>Ada presents this document / plan, emphasizing that the money is used to prepare for audits so we are in compliance with the IRS. It is the law.</p> <p>Motion by Helen to approve this plan. Seconded by Jared. Vote: Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-yes, Jared-yes</p>
2014-2015 Fee Schedule	<p>Andy states that fees can only be charged to middle school students or older and must be approved by the board. Fees for after school activities apply to all grade levels, but a fee waiver application can be submitted and the fee waived. Motion by Jared to approve the fees schedule. Seconded by Helen.</p> <p>Vote: Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-yes, Jared-yes</p>
Point of Personal Privilege	<p>Jared Larmore informs the board that he will be moving to Washington state at the end of November but is willing to fulfill his term as a board member, via telecommunication. The board is agreeable. According to the charter and by-laws, this is not a problem. His term ends in June 2015.</p>
Appoint new board member	<p>Jill informs the board that Wyatt Ihler is willing to fill the vacant board position. Board members requested a letter of introduction from Mr. Ihler before voting on his appointment. He would not be filling the treasurer position. Motion by Jared to table the decision until the next board meeting. Seconded by Amy. Vote: Jill-yes, Helen-yes, Amy-yes, Jared-yes</p>
Executive Session	<p>Jared motions to move to executive session. This session addresses the "competence and character of an individual". Seconded by Helen. Vote: Jill-no, Jared-yes, Amy-yes, Helen-yes</p>
Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm